

Brandywine Academy  
Wilmington, Delaware  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District #9

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Albert Kruse, District Officer  
Old Town Hall, Wilmington, Del.

BRANDYWINE ACADEMY  
Five Vandever~~XX~~ Avenue  
Wilmington, Newcastle County  
Delaware

Owner: City of Wilmington.

Date of Erection: 1798.

Architect: No record.

Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Stone.

Other Existing Records: See text; see also Bennett, G.F., Early  
Architecture of Delaware, p.42.

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Very little historical data can be found concerning the Brandywine Academy, sometimes referred to as the "Old Academy", built in 1798. Originally there was no belfry, this important portion being added about 1820.

The land was given by John Dickinson, who was President of Delaware in 1792, and by John Welsh, a farmer of Brandywine Hundred. The money for the building was subscribed by residents of Brandywine Hundred.

The building was the center of the educational, political and religious life of the community, serving as a meeting house for all demoninations except Roman Catholics. It was last used as a Public School in 1870 and is now used as a branch of the Wilmington Institute Free Library.

References--An article entitled "Brandywine Academy" by Charles B. Palmer on file in the Wilmington Institute Free Library, Wilmington, Delaware. Pictures in "Early Architecture of Delaware" by G. F. Bennett, published by the Historical Press in 1932.

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